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1. British intentions for Tripoli--US Consul General Lynch in Tripoli has been informed by the UK Chief Administrator for Tripoli that his government has authorized him, in event of GA postponement of the Libya question, to announce the British intention to inaugurate early self-government in internal affairs in Tripoli. The Consul General expresses the belief that the contemplated British action will be the minimum essential to maintaining internal peace in Tripoli and adds that Foreign Secretary Bevin in a recent cable "seemed to feel" that the US would, in event of GA postponement, find it possible to go along with some "unspecified" British action designed to speed progress toward self-government and independence for Tripoli.

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